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American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) (2.16 kg; 230°C) which is an already well-known and well-established copolymer in packaging contexts.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In the interest of clarity, all of the pending claims in the application are reproduced below. The claims being amended are so designated.

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1. (Amended) A packaging material of single or multi-layer type comprising at least one layer (11) of plastic which, for light barrier elevating purposes, comprises particles (11c) of carbon black, in an amount ranging from about 0.04 to about 1% of the total weight of the plastic layer (11) wherein the layer (11) containing carbon black also includes mineral particles (11b) substantially uniformly distributed in the compound (11a) of the layer in a quantity between approximately 3 and 80% of the total weight of the plastic layer (11).

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2. (Amended) The packaging material as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the compound (11a) in the mineral-filled layer (11) containing carbon black comprises a polyolefin.

3. (Amended) The packaging material as claimed in Claim 1, **characterized in that** the compound (11a) in the mineral-filled layer (11) containing carbon black consists of a high density polyethylene or a copolymer of ethylene and propylene with a melt index between 0.5 and 5 according to American Society for Testing and Materials (2.16 kg; 230°C).

4. The packaging material as claimed in Claim 3, characterized in that the quantity of carbon black in the mineral-filled layer (11) is between 0.04 and 1% of the total weight of the compound (11a).

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~~5. (Amended) The packaging material as claimed in Claim 1, **characterized in that** the mineral-filled layer (11) containing carbon black is surrounded by outer layers (12 and 13) of plastic on both sides of the layer (11), said outer layers (12 and 13) being permanently united to the layer (11) without intermediate binder or adhesive.~~

6. (Amended) The packaging material as claimed in Claim 5, **characterized in that** the two outer layers (12 and 13) consist of the same plastic as the plastic in the intermediate layer (11).

7. The packaging material as claimed in Claim 5, **characterized in that** of the two outer plastic layers (12 and 13) one includes a white pigment or other white colouring agent so as to conceal the interjacent layer (11) containing carbon black, at least from one direction.

8. A package, preferably a bottle, for light-sensitive products, **characterized in that** it is produced by a combined extrusion and blow moulding operation of a packaging material as claimed in Claim 1.